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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006. With such an extension of time, the RCE and this Amendment are timely filed within 6 months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.